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Stonewall

Stonewall, Feb. 13.- We are so glad to see such nice sprin. weather. Hope all the roads will get good.

The farmers are busy this week selling the rest of their tobacco. It has been a successful season for selling tobacco.

The W. S. C. S. of Bethel Methodist Church will meet with Mrs. M. M. Stratton this evening. A full attendance is expected.

Lester Carson and little Clyde Bondurant are on the sick list. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard and family visited his parents on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Drinkard.

Miss Frances Jennings, of Charlottesville spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parke Jennings.

Miss Elsie Thornhill, of Waynesboro spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler and son of Appomattox spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

The Rev. L. F. Callahan preached at Bethel Church Sunday A. M. at 11:15. He will hold service in two of his churches next Sunday morning himself, and will have guest speakers at Trinity and Bethel Churches in the morning after Sunday School. Everyone is invited.

Miss Anne Carson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mrs. Howlette Drinkard and children, Arlene, Cliff and Howlette, Jr. spent last Sunday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence, visited her parents and his mother on Sunday.

Little Bobbie Lee has returned to school after absent on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and children, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mrs. Norman Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Joy and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williamson visited friends and relatives in Roanoke on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Rosser were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Ford.

Mrs. Effie Leftwich, of Hat Creek and Mrs. Carrie Ford visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lee Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Hunter Harvey is on the sick list.

Mrs. Berta Parris, formerly of Spring Mills, now of Lynchburg, is vacationing in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ford visited in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Owen last Thursday.

The Sherwill Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Charlie Jones last week. Demonstrations on sugar dishes were given by Mrs. John Bolling and Mrs. James Ford. Sunshine Sisters were introduced and names chosen for 1951 Sunshine Sisters. Twenty-seven members were present.

A large representation from Union Hill went to Beulah Church on Sunday night to hear Miss Hazel Moon tell of her work in Nigeria. Also to see the slides shown by her.

The W. M. S. of Union Hill held a business meeting after Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Tibbs visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore, of Navarna, on Sunday.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Feb. 13.- Dick Martin, who underwent an appendicitis operation Monday, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. John Walton, of Dillwyn, visited Mrs. D. M. Harris and Mrs. George Carson last Thursday.

Rev. William Moon and family, of Moneta visited his parents here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Caldwell visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Scruggs Sunday.

Mrs. Evelyn Woodson is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. A. C. Almond is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moon and Miss Florette Oliver were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moon Sunday.

Spring Mills

Spring Mills, Feb. 13.- Dexter, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lee, is ill of double pneumonia. His grandmothers, Mrs. Henry Carey and Mrs. Nola Lee are assiting in nursing him.

Pete Cyrus is recovering from an attack of flu. Mrs. Billy Cyrus is reported on the list list, also.

Mr. Tom Ford, who has been on the sick list, is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Puckette, of Lynchburg were Sunday dinner guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and

Oakville

Oakville, Feb. 14.- Pfc. Christian Burnette Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Boland Smith, who has been stationed in Colorado for sometime is now in Japan.

John Foster Dulles, in Manila, says Japan must stand as bulwark against new despotism in Asia.

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DEVOTIONAL READING: Hebrews 11

Jesus is Christ

Lesson for February 18, 1951

IT SOUNDS odd to modern ears (or to any ear for the past 18 centuries) to say that Jesus "is" Christ. It sounds like saying Abraham is Lincoln, or Winston is Churchill. "Jesus Christ" has become a proper name like any other combination of name and surname. But in the early days of Christianity it took serious means to persuade people that Jesus was indeed the Christ; and if people knew what "Christ" means, they would see that most sermons today are really aimed at convincing people of the same thing: Jesus is Christ. When Peter said to Jesus "You are the Christ," Jesus' reply shows that Peter had not only said something important, but something which up to that time had not dawned on anyone else.

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Only One Christ

WE shall have to think what the word "Christ" meant as Peter used the word and as Jesus understood it. The Jews of that time were looking with eager excitement for an "anointed one" (the literal meaning of Christ, or Messiah) who would put an end to all the evil of the world and usher in God's New Age. They were not quite clear as to this would be done, but they were sure that only the Christ could do it.

Consider three points. First, when Peter said "You are the Christ" he meant "You are unique." No Jew looked for two Christs. There is no one else in Jesus' class, there is only one of him. Every human being, to be sure, is different from all others; but Simon Peter did not mean that. What he did mean was that Jesus could not be classed as "a" teacher or "a" prophet or "a" man of God. He was the Teacher and Prophet. He was God's Man as no other man was.

We make a mistake, we get away from the original Christian faith, the faith which Jesus praised, when we put Jesus on the same level with other men, any other men. There is only one Christ.

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Jesus Was in Christ

In the second place, when Peter called Jesus "Christ" he meant that God had anointed him. He was a man who took a notion to do what he did; he was one whom God had appointed to be and to do as he willed. We cannot understand Jesus apart from God, for his source is God.

"Any one who reads the gospel of John will find this very prominent in Jesus' thinking always: "I was sent . . . My meat is to do the will of him that sent me."

Christians later than this saw that the relation between God and Jesus was even closer than that between sender and sent. Jesus is called the Son of God, he is called the Word that was with God and was God. Paul says God was in Christ.

Later generations would develop the doctrine of the Trinity as it is expressed (for instance) in the Nicene Creed. Every century has its own formulas. Peter in the 1st century does not use the language of the fourth century, still less of the 20th; but all the formulas express in various ways the conviction Peter had: that when Christ confronts us, God confronts us.

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Christ Is Lord of All

THIRD thing Peter meant when he called Jesus "Christ" and that the church means now—is that he has complete authority. All other authority, in the church or out of it, is less than his.

A word often used to express this truth is "Lord." But the word alone is not enough. It really makes less difference what words we use about Jesus than what our attitude to him is. Jesus himself once spoke bitterly of people who call him "Lord, Lord," but do not do the things he says to do.

It is one thing to say, in the creed, that we believe in "Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;" it is another thing to carry that part of the creed into life. Jesus is Lord; not the church, not Moses, not Paul, not any hero or saint of the church, but Jesus. Christians take orders from him first of all, and we believe that his mind was the mind of God.

A Christian profession of faith, therefore, is more than a statement of belief; it is an oath of allegiance.

Turkey Crop Increases In Virginia

There will be a five per cent increase in turkey production this year in Virginia, and a 31 per cent increase over 1949, says D. U. Livermore, poultry marketing specialist at V. P. I.

Basing his report on state department of agriculture figures, Livermore says only the states of California, Texas, Minnesota, and Iowa exceed Virginia in turkey production.

In contrast to a substancially increased production in Virginia, production in the United States will increase only one per cent. A five per cline in the west nearly off-sets the increase in other sections of the country.

Dr. Foreman

With industrial employment and consumer income soaring to new heights, growers anticipate a strong demand for turkey meat. High red meat prices can be counted on to make turkey a relatively attractive buy for the consumer, Livermore says.

He reports that many growers are specializing in the Beltsville White breed in response to a growing consumer preference for a small size bird. This means that even though more turkeys are grown this year, the total pounds of meat produced may decline.

Another innovation in the turkey business is that of marketing a turkey "broiler." This is the same turkey, usually a Beltsville White, but the bird is marketed earlier, at five to eight pounds, befor it reaches full growth, Livermore says.

Turkey broilers are more costly to produce and market, but many consumers apparently prefer to buy fewer pounds of turkey at one time, and buying it oftener. The broilers are marketed earlier in the season, and some are now being grown in off-season periods. This means a smaller percentage of the total crop will be available on the fall market. "The tradition of eating turkey only at Thanksgiving and Christmas is rapidly being changed to a habit of eating turkey the year 'round. Off-season production and the turkey broiler are the Virginia grower's answer to this consumer demand," explains Livermore.

Consumption per person of turkey meat has more than doubled in the past 20 years. It reached five pounds in 1950, and the trend is still upward.

Va. Receives Forest Income

Virginia's share of the income from her national forests this year $35,815—which will be divided among 30 counties in the Blue Ridge and westward.

J. W. O'Byrne, forester at V. P. I., said the sum represents 25 per cent of the total; and that another ten per cent (amounting to $14,330 this year) is set aside to construct roads and trails within the forests.

O'Byrne points out, however, that the greatest value of these forests is not the cash income, nor the timber. It is the water they provide for domestic and industrial use. Almost every city, town, and village in the Shennandoah valley he says, is dependent on watersheds within the George Washington National Forest. Reservoirs from which Woodstock, Harrisonburg, Staunton, Cliftforge, and Lynchburg get their supplies are located in the same forest. Plans are underway for a similar service to Stuarts Draft and nearby rural areas.

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Apple Growers Are Advised To Thin Trees

Thinning apples will help Virginia growers produce high-quality fruit, and will promote more annual cropping, says A. H. Teske, Extension horticulturist at V. P. I.

He points out that apple growers are facing a serious labor and material shortage, and cannot afford to produce large quantities of low-grade fruit—as they usually do when trees are allowed to overload in heavy crop years.

Thinning fruit from overloaded trees will prevent overbearing. It will conserve plant food substances; and will reduce tree breakage.

With a crop more uniform in size and color, there will be less low-grade fruit to handle at harvest time. Marketing problems will be reduced.

Teske says there are three ways growers can thin their apples. In the past thinning the crop by pruning has not been recommended, but under present conditions, pruning can be used to good advantage.

Carefully pruning out weak fruit will redcue the amount of small, poorly colored fruit by 25 per cent, without reducing yields. Pruning also makes it possible to get more adequate spray coverage, and cut down on waste and expensive spray chemicals. Removing down - growing branches and weak fruit wood throughout the bearing surface will provide more and better light to all parts of the tree.

A second method of thinning apples is by using dinitro and hormone chemicals. They can be recommended for orchards located on frost-free sites. The dinitro chemical sprays used during the pre-bloom and blossoming periods are more hazardous for orchards in areas where late spring frost may further reduce the fruit set. - Hormone sprays applied in the post-bloom period are safer.

The third method of thinning apples is the old hand way of pulling off the fruit. The big advantage of hand thinning is that it gives the most desirable distribution of the crop, and can be done when all danger of frost is past. However, it is time-consuming and more expensive than thinning by pruning or chemical sprays. It is also, in most cases, done too late to get the fullest benefits.

"In level country, timber may be the most valuable product of the forest, but in the mountains it is water," says O'Byrne.

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